received in each Division Cutcherry from each taluk in the year 1102 and the number of licenses issued up to the 30th Kanni 1102?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to invest the Taluk Tahsildars and Magistrates with powers to entertain and dispose of applications for the renewal of licenses for firearms?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) The statement* required by the member is laid on the table.

(2) The answer is in the negative.

Kudivila on Teak trees.

220. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many lakhs of rupees are due to the ryots by way of *kudivila* on teak trees, up to the end of Kanni 1102; and

(*b*) whether they will order the disbursement of the arrears due up to the end of 1101 at least before the close of 1102?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Rs. 2 lakhs, approximately. The correct amount can, however, be known only after all pending claims are investigated and settled.

(*b*) No time-limit can be fixed as the disbursement depends upon the validity of the claims, the legal complications involved and the promptness with which the parties establish their claims.

Monthly statements of the progress made in the disposal of *kudivila* claims are being received from the Conservator of Forests and scrutinised by the Government. The Conservator has recently been asked to furnish fortnightly progress reports for two Divisions where the work was not making adequate progress.

Co-operative Societies on Communal Basis.

221. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have ordered that co-operative societies should not be formed on communal basis;

(*b*) if so, the date of such order;

(*c*) whether any societies have been registered after the issue of such order; and

(*d*) if so, whether they will lay on the table a statement showing the number of such societies and the names of the communities to which such societies belong?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) Neither the Government nor the Registrar of Co-operative Societies has issued any order prohibiting the registration of co-operative societies on a communal basis; but the Registrar of Co-operative Societies issued a circular on the 14th April 1925, in which he pointed out that the organisation of societies on communal lines was opposed to the principles and ideals of the co-operative movement and indicated the lines on which applications for registry of communal societies should be dealt with by the departmental staff.

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